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Y. WOMEN WIN AD OF PRESIDENT IN CAMPAIGN

Committee of One Hundred
From Empire State Makes
Unostentatious Plea at White
House for Support.

By DAVID LAWRENCE.

President Wilson turned from the absorption of war tasks today to speak a word for the cause of woman suffrage. In contrast to the disorderly methods adopted by the militant pickets, a delegation of 100 women from New York State where woman suffrage is to be voted on within the next two weeks, came quietly and unostentatiously to the White House and was courteously received by Mr. Wilson in the East Room.

Prowls on Picketing.
The committee is in charge of the New York State campaign and is affiliated with the National American Woman Suffrage Association, which has frowned on picketing and militancy.

The President has believed from the start that suffrage is a State issue and both the Republican and Democratic national platforms so declared last year. With the campaign on in the most populous State of the Union, there will be a test of whether woman suffrage can ever be obtained by the State-by-State method.

Defeat for suffrage in New York undoubtedly would mean a drive for the Federal amendment.

President Gives Aid.
At any rate, the President following the pledge of his party platform and his own disinclination to support the movement for a Federal amendment until the issue has been fought out in the States did his bit today for the New York State women.

Mr. Wilson previously had written Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt that he had hoped the picketing would not adversely affect the voters of New York, and prejudice them against a cause which was being championed by the larger proportion of the women of the country by orderly methods.

The President went further today by giving his reasons why woman suffrage should be supported in the coming election.

There were but two speeches—one by Mrs. Norman De R. Whitehouse, chairman of the delegation, and a reply by the President. Mrs. Whitehouse referred to the fact that the war had brought woman suffrage to Russia, and had resulted in promises from the British and French governments for it.

Yet, she pointed out, in America the war is being given as an excuse for withholding the ballot to women. The efforts of the women to sell Liberty bonds and their devotion to war service of every kind were cited as an evidence of the whole-hearted support of women to the cause of America in the world-wide war.

President Sympathetic.
The President was sympathetic in his response. His words will be repeated in a big advertising and poster campaign in New York State. Many New York State voters have been apathetic about it. If Mr. Wilson is for it, they will vote away on election day.

Today's expression from him will be of invaluable aid in the campaign. Thus does a group of fine women win in political strategy, obtain Presidential aid and publicity—the very thing the militants thought impossible to do except by flinging to the breeze annoying banners and interposing themselves at the White House gates, producing riots and disturbances.

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Mrs. Whitehouse, in addressing the President, said in part:

"May we not take this occasion to tell you that our organization has pledged its support to you in this war against Germany, and that all its resources are at the disposal of our country in whatever way they may be of use. And, furthermore, may we not express to you our personal appreciation of all you are doing for the cause of world democracy, which is being fought out on the European battlefields."

"We realize the enormous responsibilities which rest upon you at this time."

Led Suffragists To See President



MRS. NORMAN DE R. WHITEHOUSE.

Leader of Empire State's suffragists, who unostentatiously asked Mr. Wilson to send message bearing on fight there.

FAMILIES OF LOW INCOMES CANNOT BUY ENOUGH FOOD

A considerable proportion of the low income families of Washington do not buy enough food to maintain the family members in health and strength.

It was found likewise that many families had an allowance for clothing far below the cost standard described as absolutely necessary minimum expenditures for healthy and decent clothing.

This is the finding of investigators of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, who have been probing the cost of living in Washington.

The report is on a survey of selected families in all sections of the city with incomes ranging from the minimum of a few hundred dollars to \$1,800 a year.

The families included 1,481 white and 629 colored persons.

RHINE CITIES FEAR ALLIES' AIR RAIDS

GENEVA, Oct. 25.—Many towns and cities along the Rhine are in a state of panic following reports that air reprisal raids are planned by the allies.

The number of anti-aircraft guns has been doubled and sirens have been mounted on churches to sound an alarm at the approach of planes.

Mass meetings have been called by the mayors at which precautionary measures will be outlined to the population. Appeals are being made to the people to remain calm.

STEAMER HITACHI MARU BELIEVED MINE VICTIM

TOKYO, Japan, Oct. 25.—The Japanese steamer Hitachi Maru, a vessel of 6,556 tons gross, which sailed from Yokohama for Liverpool on August 29, is believed to have been sunk by a mine with the loss of all on board.

Nothing has been heard from the steamer since September 24. One of the passengers was Onal, of London, manager of the company owning the vessel.

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GERMANY'S ALLIES' VAST STORES HERE TO BE SEIZED

Palmer Announces That Bulgarian, Turkish, and Austrian Holdings Will Be Taken Over by U. S.

All holdings of subjects of Bulgaria, Turkey, and Austria in the United States will be seized today by German property custodian, announced today.

Palmer's decision regards Bulgaria, Turkey, and Austria as enemies, although the United States has never formally declared war against these three allies of Germany. His ruling followed a series of conferences with Treasury Department officials at which the scope of the trading-with-the-enemy act was carefully studied.

Have Vast Stores Here.
Bulgaria, Turkey and Austria have vast stores of war supplies in the United States. These, as in the case of the German property, will be seized and used against the Kaiser.

Austrian capitalists are especially affected by Palmer's new ruling. The dividends from their investments also will be turned over to the Treasury Department for investment in future Liberty loans.

Announcement is expected shortly of local officers who will enforce the act in all the principal industrial and shipping centers of the country.

Any sort of property belonging to agents or citizens of these countries is subject to seizure. If it apparently is privately owned in good faith, and non-military in nature, it will be returned at the end of the war.

Whether property belonging to un-naturalized enemy-allies, resident in this country, will be seized, depends on a decision from the President.

Pending this it will not be touched.

MUNITIONS PLANT IS SOLD TO BELGIUM

NORWICH, Conn., Oct. 25.—The Hopkins & Allen Arms Company's plant, which became involved in financial difficulties in connection with a rifle contract for the Belgian government, has been sold to that government.

Before the sale it was stated that no bid for less than \$65,000 would be received, and that the purchaser must assume all incumbrances of the company. These, it is understood, amount to about \$4,000,000.

It is also understood that within a short time the plant will be turned over to the Marlin & Rockwell Arms Company, of New Haven, Conn., who will enlarge the present plant, complete the Belgian government contract at a somewhat higher figure than the original contract called for, and undertake Government work.

The plant now employs about 1,200.

SWISS TO COIN BRONZE TO RELIEVE SHORTAGE

BERNE, Oct. 25.—Two million 10-cent pieces and 2,000,000 5-cent pieces of bronze will be coined in Switzerland to relieve the shortage of nickel and copper money, according to a statement just issued by the Swiss Federal Council.

The coins, however, will be withdrawn from circulation as soon as the present shortage is relieved.

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How the President and Mrs. Wilson Did Their Bit



President and Mrs. Wilson at the White House.

Liberty Loan Figures Pass \$3,500,000,000 Washington Subscribes Over \$13,000,000

**TREASURY HEADS
HOPE TO REACH
LOAN MAXIMUM**

All indications at noon today were that the Liberty loan has passed the \$3,500,000,000 mark. Reports to the Treasury Department state that the entire nation is roused to the highest patriotic fervor, and if the same spirit continues the five billion dollar goal will be reached by Saturday night.

Official Reports.
Official reports from all Federal Reserve districts except Chicago, San Francisco and Philadelphia showed that total sales up to last night were slightly more than \$2,100,000,000. Missing districts and this morning's returns will probably advance the official total to \$2,500,000,000. Unofficial figures given out at the Treasury Department are \$1,000,000,000 in excess of this.

Lagging districts in the Middle West and the South are now coming through with flying colors. It was officially announced. Blazing ahead in spite of pro-Germanism and considerable apathy, the St. Louis district has already passed its minimum quota of \$120,000,000.

New Mines Tapped.
"New mines of currency were tapped throughout the country today," the Treasury Department said. "Bricks came out of the fireplace and the old yarn sock containing the family savings followed it. The farmers came to town and bought, though it must be admitted that some of them did not come until a ride was provided."

Reports of brisk sales in Panama, Hawaii, and the Philippines were received. The spirit of the buyers even reached into prisons, most every penal institution in the country reporting that convicts offered up their savings to buy bonds.

Sweet By Rush.
Banks and local committees throughout the country have been swept off their feet by the rush of Liberty bond business. Thousands telegraphed "runs of Liberty bond purchasers" were taking place.

"No section of the country can now be said to be asleep to the meaning of the Liberty loan," the Treasury's announcement stated.

SUGAR SALES CUT OFF FROM CANDY MEN

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 25.—The sugar supply of all candy factories in this city has been cut off through a telegram received from George M. Rolph, sugar representative in the Federal Food Administration. The telegram, received by George H. Earle, a representative on the American Refiners' committee, is as follows:

"Now consider it advisable to entirely discontinue selling to confectioners, gum syrup and cordial manufacturers and other manufacturers of similar products. It is probable they will be licensed shortly and their production reduced to a minimum."

GAS FIGHTERS BOUGHT IN N. Y.
NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—Gas and flame fighters for the United States army are sought in New York today. The recruiting officers assured applicants they would be in France before Thanksgiving Day.

PHILADELPHIA COPIES INDEPENDENCE HALL

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The mayor's purpose for the preservation of the symbol of liberty, it is announced, would cost the city \$1,500. This would employ architectural draftsmen and photographic and other assistance to make an accurate survey of Independence Hall.



President and Mrs. Wilson at the White House.

Washington's Figures Up To Noon

Up to noon today, with reports missing from several banks, 30,188 people of Washington had subscribed for the Second Liberty Loan.

\$13,373,750

The Subscriptions on Liberty Day Were \$3,081,150

This record is considerably below the Capital's figures on the first loan, when 57,219 subscribers bought \$19,500,000 worth of bonds.

YOU HAVE UNTIL SATURDAY NIGHT TO DO YOUR PART

SOUTHERN RAILWAY GIVES 10 PER CENT RAISE TO EMPLOYEES

More than a thousand employees of the Southern Railway in Washington are to receive a 10 per cent increase in pay. The increase is to be dated from October 1 and will be carried in pay checks November 1.

Officials of the Southern are not prepared as yet to make announcement or discuss details of the raise. It will apply generally, however, to all clerical employees of the Southern system, embracing the Southern Railway and operated lines.

Other classes of employees are also to receive an increase approximating 10 per cent, beginning with pay checks November 1.

While the increase is general and applies to practically all employees, there will be some exceptions. Officials are not generally included or other employees receiving large salaries. It will go, however, to nearly all others who have been in the employ of the Southern and affiliated lines for a year or more, and who have performed faithful and efficient service.

Trainmen whose wages are fixed by agreement with the brotherhoods will not figure in the increase, but it will apply to most other classes.

The raise is a recognition by the company of the increased cost of living and a general advancing scale throughout the country.

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DECISIVE BATTLE IN ITALY NOW AT HEIGHT

Austrian Army, Re-enforced by Half Million Seasoned Fighters, Batters Cadorna's Line in Bainsizza Plateau.

PARIS, Oct. 25.—Twenty-five enemy aeroplanes were brought down by the French on Wednesday alone, today's official statement announced.

Developments of the highest importance and of world-wide interest have marked the war situation during the past twenty-four hours.

On the Bainsizza plateau, apparently one of the decisive battles of the war today is being fought. The Austrians, with fresh divisions, containing many German contingents, are on the offensive. General Cadorna, Italian high commander, with re-enforcements of French and British troops, is prepared to hold the Italian lines at all costs.

On the west front, allied aviators report evidences that Germany is preparing for another great strategic retreat from around the region of the latest French victory. Many towns are being razed. On top of this news comes word that General Haig has succeeded in repulsing furious German counter-attacks.

From the Russian front comes the official report that the Germans have failed in an effort to land troops at Tomba, south of Werder. Russian troops are holding their own valiantly against the German divisions.

Germans Repulsed.
LONDON, Oct. 25.—Another unsuccessful German counter attack south of Houthoulst wood was reported today by Field Marshal Haig. The assault came after artillery preparation yesterday evening. "It was repulsed completely," according to the British commander-in-chief.

PARIS, Oct. 25.—Germany is believed to be preparing another "strategic retreat" from around the region of the latest French victory. The Paris press today asserted that French aviators flying over the Laon sector reported evidences of the German plan of raising villages and trees which preceded the famous "strategic retreat" on the Arras-Cambes front.

Everywhere great activity of the German "destruction corps" was seen.

Rejoice Over Victory.
The victory by General Petain's Polius, which oddly enough, fell on the anniversary of the recapture of Fort Douaumont, at Verdun, caused an outburst of rejoicing here.

"It is impossible to over-estimate the importance of this battle in its relation to our final success," said Le Matin, today. "The victory sounds a death knell to the German hope of retaining the Chemin des Dames."

General Petain's victorious polius drove further toward Laon today. Capture of Rosay farm and advance of the French line to new forward positions between Chavignon and Mont Desaignes was announced in the war office statement. Further to the left, on the Chemin des Dames, advances were reported around Cerny ne Laonnois.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 25.—Civilians were reported evacuating Meinen, Flanders, according to dispatches received here today.

In Fighting District.
Meinen, approximately eleven miles south of Ypres, and is about six miles from where the fighting front is now located, after General Haig's most recent successes. The town is one of the general objectives of the British drives. Some of the most (Continued on Page 2, Column 3.)

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